

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the patent application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Rejection of the Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In the office action dated 2/19/2004, the Examiner rejected some claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). The Examiner stated that the claimed invention was unpatentable over U.S. patent document 2002/0101528 (hereinafter referred to as the Lee reference) in view of U.S. patent 6,597,399 (hereinafter referred to as the Horii reference). The examiner indicated that the rejected claims would be allowable if the material from claim 20 were incorporated into the base independent claim. The Applicants have amended claim 19 to include the salient material from claim 20. Claim 20 has been cancelled and all claims formerly dependent upon claim 20 have been amended to depend on amended independent claim 19. The Applicants submit that the amended claims are allowable.


CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections and objections is requested. Allowance is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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